

Study of Mark 12
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Mark 12:1-44

1 And Messiah began to speak unto them by parables:

*A **certain man** planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and dug a place for the **wine-vat**, and built a **tower**, and leased it out to husbandmen, and then went into a far country. 2 At the end of the season, he sent to the **husbandmen, his servant**, that he might receive from the husbandmen, his share of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 And they caught the **servant, and beat him, and sent him away empty handed**. 4 And again that **certain man**, sent unto them **another servant**; and **at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head**, and sent him away shamefully handled. 5 And again that **certain man** sent **another servant**; and **him they killed**, and many others; **beating some, and killing some**. 6 Having yet therefore **ONE SON**, his **well beloved**, this **certain man** sent him also, last unto them, saying, They will reverence **my son**. 7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, **This is the heir**; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. 8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.*

Now in this parable we have to ask ourselves who the characters, the places and the objects or buildings represent. Who does the **certain man** represent, what does the **vineyard** represent, what or who do the **vines** represent, what does the **wine-vat and the tower** represent, who do the **husbandmen** represent, and what does the **fruit** of the vineyard represent and who do the **servants** that the **certain man** sent, represent?

The certain man represents YHVH,

The vineyard represents, Israel,

The protective hedge around the vineyard represents the Words of the Torah

The vines represent the people of Yisrael, YHVH's family,

The wine-vat and the tower, represent the Holy Place and Most Holy place of the Temple

The husbandmen represent the religious leaders of Yisrael that were in charge of the vineyard.

They had the responsibility of taking care of, and nurturing the vines so that they could produce the fruit of YHVH

The certain man's servants, represent the prophets that YHVH sent to Yisrael, to guide and teach the people of Yisrael to return to the Words of His Torah of Life.

The vines represent the people of Yisrael who are supposed to produce fruit of this **certain man** (YHVH)

The fruit produced by the vines of the vineyard, represents what happens when the **seed** of

YHVH is planted in good ground, a surrendered heart

And finally the One Son that the certain man had, that is said to be **well beloved, IS** Messiah. *Mark 1:11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, **You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**.*

When we put all of this information together, we can see that this is talking about YHVH, and the fact that He created the world for us, His children to thrive in it, but we, His children, went astray, therefore, YHVH started over with a new vineyard, and there He planted His vines so that they could grow fruit that would be shared with the whole world. In the vineyard he erected a Tower (Most Holy

place) and a wine-vat (Holy Place), to process the fruit, and He put husbandmen (Priests, Sadducees and Pharisees) in charge of taking care of nurturing the vines, so that these vines would eventually bring fruit. The **certain man** (YHVH) wanted, the fruit that his vines (Yisrael) would grow, to be an example to the whole world of what happens when the vines are taken care of and nurtured. We are told that the **certain man** (YHVH) sent His servants (prophets) to see what was happening and to help the husbandmen in their task of nurturing the vines (Yisrael), **BUT** the husbandmen who represent the religious leaders of Yisrael, the Scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, decided that they did **NOT** want to give any of the fruit away as they had been mandated to do. Instead, they chose to keep the fruit that they had nurtured in their own way, to themselves, for their exclusive personal use, therefore, when the first servant (prophet) that the **certain man** (YHVH) sent to collect the fruit that was due to him, from these husbandmen, they would not give to his servants, what they owed to the **certain man** (YHVH) but instead, they actually beat the servant. When the **certain man** (YHVH) heard of it, he sent more servants, but these evil husbandmen killed some of them, and beat the others, **BECAUSE** they did not want to give that **certain man** (YHVH) the fruit that was owed to Him. Finally the **certain man** (YHVH) sent His **ONLY** begotten Son (Messiah), believing that they would honour the Son, but instead, they put Him to death also, so that they could inherit the vineyard.

Why did these husbandmen (who represent the religious leaders of the man made religion of the day) actually believe that they would **inherit** the vineyard? They believed that they would **inherit** the vineyard because they were the religious leaders of the people of Yisrael, and they therefore believed, that as the leaders of the people of Yisrael, that the inheritance of the Land of Yisrael, belonged to them, so they chose to kill the Son (Yeshua) of the vineyard owner (YHVH) in order to become the heirs and sole owners of the vineyard. **BUT** the vineyard owner, had other plans for the vineyard, and we are told what the vineyard owner (YHVH) did to the husbandmen in *verse 9*

*What shall therefore that certain man (YHVH), the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and **destroy** the **husbandmen** (the religious leaders), and will give the vineyard unto others (Obedient sons and daughters, gentiles, that have not been raised in a Torah obedient setting).*

After telling the Scribes and Pharisees this parable Messiah says to them in *verse 10*

*Have you **NOT** read this Scripture; where it says in Psalm 118:21-24:*

*The **stone** (Messiah, 1Corinthians 10:4) which the builders (religious leaders) **REJECTED, IS NOW** become the head of the corner: 11 This was YHVH's doing, and **it is marvellous in our eyes?***

Messiah is rebuking them by quoting Scripture, and what do these Scribes and Pharisees want to do to Messiah because of it?

*Verse 12 And **they sought to lay hold on Messiah, BUT** feared the people: for they knew that Messiah had spoken the parable against **THEM**: and they left Him, and went their way.*

Now please understand that **IF** these Pharisees had the opportunity, they would have killed Messiah on the spot, **BUT** they were too afraid of what the crowd would do to them, if they killed Messiah. It wasn't **virtue** that stopped them from killing Messiah, it was self preservation.

Verse 13 And they sent unto Messiah, certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch Him in His words.

Now it is important that we understand, that these Pharisees are not being genuine in their questioning of Messiah, for all they want to do is to try and trick Him into making a false statement so that they can then use it against Him, to discredit Him. So they come to Him and say in *verse 14*

*And when they were come, they said unto Him, Master; we **KNOW** that You are **TRUE**, and care for no man: for you do **NOT** regard the stature or position of men, **BUT** You teach the way of Elohim in **TRUTH**:*

It is very important that we understand what is happening here, for the Pharisees are saying we **KNOW that you are TRUE**, which means that they **KNOW** that Messiah **IS** speaking the **Truth**, and Scripture makes it quite clear in *Psalms 119:142, what TRUTH IS*, for it says: *Your righteousness IS an everlasting Righteousness and Your Torah of the TRUTH*. Therefore it is, or should be very clear that the Scribes and Pharisees **KNEW** that Messiah was teaching the **TRUTH**, the Words of the written Torah of YHVH, **BUT**, even though they **KNEW** that He was speaking the **TRUTH**, they still wanted to try and trick Him into saying something that they could use against Him. Now it is important that we understand, that **IF** Messiah **IS** indeed teaching the Words of **TRUTH**, which of course are the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and the Pharisees are trying trying to trick Him into saying something that they could use to discredit Him with, **THEN** we have to ask ourselves, **WHAT** were the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes teaching?

They ask Messiah: *Is it **lawful** to give tribute to Caesar, or not? 15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But Messiah, knowing their **hypocrisy**, said unto them, Why do you tempt or Test Me?*

It is a good question, because they have just told Messiah that they **KNOW** that He is speaking the **TRUTH**, and therefore Messiah reasons, **IF** you **KNOW** that I am speaking the **TRUTH**, **THEN**, **WHY** are you testing Me? Then Messiah says:

Bring me a penny (a Denarion)), that I may see it.

Verse 16 And they brought Him a Denarion. And Messiah said unto them, Whose image and superscription is this? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

Before we move on it is important that we understand what it says in *Exodus 20:4-5 You shall **NOT** make unto yourself any **graven image**, or any likeness of **any thing** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall **NOT** bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I YHVH your Elohim am a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;*

Therefore having a coin in their possession, with Caesar's face on it, could be understood to mean that a person had an idol in his pocket.

Verse 17 And Yeshua answering, said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to Elohim the things that are Elohim's.

The money, the Denarion, is a picture of the world system, which is what men, for the most part, put their trust in, whereas the Words of the Torah of YHVH, that Messiah is speaking to them, are

spiritual. *Romans 7:14 For we know that the Words of the Torah are **spiritual**: and the spiritual belongs to YHVH.*

Next we are told that the people (**NOT** the Pharisees), *marvelled at Him for His answer.*

*Verse 18 Then the Sadducees came unto Him, saying, there is **NO** resurrection; and they asked Him, saying,*

Here the Sadducees come to Messiah and make what appears to be a statement of Fact, they say to Messiah there is **NO resurrection**. This is a bit ironic, for Messiah knows that He is about to be crucified and die, and then, be put in the tomb for three days and three nights, and be **resurrected** onto eternal life. Nevertheless, Messiah is patient with them and listens to what they have to say, because Messiah is **NOT** only speaking to these Scribes and Sadducees, He is also speaking to the crowd that is gathered around them.

*Verse 19 Master, Mosheh wrote unto us, in Deuteronomy 25:5 **IF** a man's brother die, and leave his wife behind him, and leaves no children, then his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 20 Now there were **seven** brothers: and the first took a wife, and then died and left no seed. 21 And the second brother took her, and he also died, neither did he leave any seed: and the third brother did likewise. 22 And over a period of time the seven brothers had her, and left no seed: last of all, the woman died also. 23 In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose **wife shall she be of them?** For the seven had her to wife.*

As you can see, these Sadducees who are convinced that there is **no resurrection**, want to try and trick Messiah into agreeing with them, that there **is no resurrection**. They think that they can do that by asking Him a question about, a law, a Torah Tenet, found in *Deuteronomy 25:5*, but unfortunately for them, like Nicodemus, they who are the supposed teachers of the people of Yisrael, do **NOT** know some of the basic concepts of Scripture, and that is, that men and women are made of flesh and blood, but that our resurrected bodies will be **spirit bodies**, they will **NOT** be made of flesh and blood, which means, that there will be **NO** marriages and **NO** births in the everlasting kingdom of Elohim, after the seventh millennium, for the only people that will enter into, and inherit the kingdom of Elohim, **ARE** the people that throughout their lives, did the best that they could to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and therefore they will **NOT** be sent to the second death in the lake of fire as those who willingly chose to reject the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, will be sent. That means that these Torah obedient people will, like Messiah, be resurrected onto everlasting Life, because, when they were flesh and blood, they willingly chose to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did and taught them to do.

Lets read what Luke had to say about the resurrection in *1Corinthians 15:34-58 Awake to **righteousness**, (obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life) and do **NOT** Sin, do **NOT** transgress the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life; for some do **NOT** have the knowledge of Elohim: I speak this to **your shame**. But some man will say, **How are the dead RAISED UP?** And with what body do they come? You fool, that which you sow is **NOT** quickened, **except it die**: And the seed that you sow, is **NOT** the body that shall come out of the ground, **BUT** bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But Elohim **GIVES IT A BODY** as it pleases Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is **NOT** the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh **of men**, another flesh **of beasts**, another **of fishes**,*

and another **of birds**. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the **glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another**. There is one glory of the Sun, and another glory of the Moon, and another glory of the Stars: for one Star differs from another Star in glory. So also **IS** the resurrection of the dead. It is **sown in corruption**; it is **raised in incorruption**: It is **sown in dishonour**; it is **raised in glory**: it is **sown in weakness**; it is **raised in power**: It is **sown a natural body**; it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a **natural body**, and there is a **spiritual body**. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made **a living soul**; the last Adam was made **a quickening spirit**. Howbeit the first body was **NOT spiritual**, **BUT** that which is **natural**; and **afterward that which is spiritual**. The first man (Adam) **is of the earth, earthy**: the second man (Yeshua) is YHVH from heaven. As is the **earthy**, such are they also that are **earthy**: and as is the **heavenly**, such are they also that are **heavenly**. And as we have **borne the image of the earthy**, we shall also **bear the image of the heavenly**. Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood CANNOT inherit the kingdom of Elohim**; **neither does corruption inherit incorruption**. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall **NOT** all sleep, **BUT** we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the **DEAD shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**. For this **corruptible MUST** put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal must** put on **immortality**. So when this corruptible shall have put on **incorruption**, and this mortal shall have put on **immortality**, **THEN** shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory**. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is **SIN**, transgression of the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and the strength of Sin is the Torah. **BUT** thanks be to Elohim, who gives us the victory through our Master, Yeshua Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be you steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Work of YHVH, forasmuch as you know that your labour is **NOT** in vain in YHVH.

This tells us that when all people are resurrected, and judged for what they did while they were alive, and are **not relegated** to the second death, but are found worthy according to YHVH's accounting of what Life they lived while they were here on earth. Therefore they will be resurrected in new spiritual bodies, and there will be no births, no new people or spirits added to those that have been resurrected through and by the Grace of Elohim, and not suffered the second death, because, they chose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and that is why Messiah says to these Sadducees, in verse 24 *And Yeshua answering, said unto them, Do you **NOT** therefore **ERR**, **BECAUSE** you do **NOT KNOW** the Scriptures, neither do you know the power of Elohim?*

Messiah is talking to the Priests, the Scribes and the Rabbis, and He accuses them of **NOT KNOWING** the Scriptures. **IF**, like Messiah says, these priests and Rabbis do **NOT KNOW** the Scriptures, then what are they teaching the people of Yisrael? The only conclusion that we can arrive at, **IS**, that, since Messiah says, they did **NOT KNOW** the Scriptures, it means that these Priests and Rabbis are teaching the people of Yisrael their own **FALSE** man made doctrine, their own oral torah.

*Verse 25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; **BUT** are as the angels which are in heaven.*

Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, tells us that when we are resurrected into the kingdom of Elohim, that no one will be given in marriage, which means that we will no longer reproduce, there will be no children born into the kingdom, and that means that the people who are resurrected by the grace of Elohim, along with YHVH's messengers, will be the only inhabitants of the kingdom of Elohim.

*Verse 26 And as touching the dead, that they rise (are resurrected): have you **NOT** read in the book of Mosheh, the Torah, how in the bush, Elohim spoke unto him, saying, I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitzchaq, and the Elohim of Ya'aqov? 27 He is **NOT the Elohim of the DEAD, BUT the Elohim of the Living: You therefore do greatly ERR.***

When YHVH says that He is **NOT** the Elohim of the dead, it means that YHVH **IS NOT** the Elohim of people that reject the Words of His Torah of Life, for Scripture makes it very clear in *1John 3:4 that Sin IS transgression of the Torah*, and in *Romans 6:23 it says: For the wages of Sin, the wages of transgressing the Words of the Torah of YHVH, IS DEATH, BUT the gift of Elohim IS ETERNAL LIFE through Messiah Yeshua, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.*

This tells us, that all people who willingly **REJECT** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, those who **REJECT** His Doctrine, in favour of any other doctrine, will suffer the **second death**, and since YHVH **IS** the Elohim of the Living, it means that He is the Elohim of all the people who have chosen to Live, and according to Scripture, the **ONLY** way that we can have **LIFE**, is by willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Doctrine of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life. We have to understand and believe that YHVH **IS ONLY** the Saviour of those who want to be saved, for ALL people, who willingly chose to **REJECT** His Words of Life, the Words of His Torah, **WILL** indeed perish.

Verse 28 And one of the Scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that Messiah had answered them well, asked Him, which is the first Commandment of all?

If I were to ask anyone who claims to be a Christian or a Catholic, what is the first Commandment of all, what do you think their answer would be? Well, it all depends on what they have been taught, but you can rest assured **that they would NOT say** it is the Words of the Shema, found in the Torah, in *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*. But that is what Messiah says to the scribes.

*Verse 29 And Yeshua answered him, and said: The **FIRST** of **ALL** the Commandments **IS**, Hear, O Yisrael; YHVH our Elohim **IS** one Master: 30 And you shall love YHVH your Elohim with **ALL** your heart, and with **ALL** your soul, and with **ALL** your mind, and with **ALL** your strength: **THIS IS** the First Commandment.*

And then Messiah says in *verse 31 And the **SECOND** Commandment is like the First, namely this, You **SHALL** love your neighbour as yourself*, which means that the Commandment to Love YHVH Elohim is **NOT** complete, it is **NOT fulfilled, until and unless, we learn to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.**

Then to emphasize the importance of these **two Commandments**, Messiah says in the balance of *verse 31: There **ARE NO OTHER** Commandment greater than these **TWO.***

Where is the Commandment to **LOVE our neighbour as ourselves** found in Scripture? It is important that we all know where this Commandment is found in Scripture, and that we memorize it, for, according to YHVH, it is **ONE** of the **TWO GREATER** Commandments, upon which **ALL** other Commandments are based, these two Commandments, according to Messiah, **ARE** the foundation of **ALL** of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life. Think on this question, and give me your answer at the end of this study.

*Verse 32 And the Scribe said unto Messiah, Well, Master, You have said the **TRUTH**: For there is one Elohim; and there is none other but He: 33 And to love Him with **ALL** the heart, and with **ALL** the understanding, and with **ALL** the soul, and with **ALL** the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, **IS MORE** than **ALL** the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

Here we see that at least one Scribe told Messiah that He had spoken the **TRUTH**. I know that I have said it before, **BUT** it is very important that we understand, that **WORDS** mean things, and the use of the Word **TRUTH** here, by the scribe, tells us, that this one Scribe knew that Messiah had spoken the Words of the written Torah, for the Words of the Torah **ARE** defined as **TRUTH** in *Psalm 119:142*. And what does Messiah say to this one Scribe who uttered those words?

Verse 34 And when Yeshua saw that the scribe answered discreetly, He said unto him, You are not far from the kingdom of Elohim.

Here Messiah is telling this one Scribe, that he is **NOT** far from the kingdom of Elohim. What does Messiah mean by those words? Messiah is saying that this Scribe has the right foundation, because he believes and supposedly observes these two **greater Commandments**, and the fact that Messiah says you are **NOT** far from the kingdom of Elohim, means that all this Scribe has to do, to **ENTER** the kingdom of Elohim, **IS** to learn to willingly and lovingly believe, follow and obey **ALL** the other Words or Commandments of YHVH, found in the Words of His Torah of Life.

*And no man after that **DARED** to ask Messiah any question.*

Why did no man **DARE** to ask Messiah any other questions? The answer can be twofold; it could be because they were convicted by His words and they **KNEW** that this man, Yeshua only spoke the **TRUTH**, or it could be because they did **NOT** want to be embarrassed by Him in public.

*Verse 35 And Yeshua answered and said, while He taught in the temple, How come the Scribes say that Messiah **IS** the Son of David? 36 For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, YHVH said to my Master, Sit yourself on My Right Hand, till I make your enemies your footstool. 37 Therefore since David himself calls Him Master; then how can He be his son?*

Here we have to understand what David said and what he meant when he said that YHVH said to his Master, that is, YHVH said to David's Master, **SIT** at my Right Hand. Scripture makes it abundantly clear that there is only One person that sits and the Right Hand of Elohim, and that person **IS** Messiah. Therefore David is calling Messiah his Master. Next Messiah says, **IF** David calls the One that sits at the Right Hand of Elohim, who **IS** the only begotten Son of Elohim, **his Master**, then **HOW** can He, David's master, be his son.

And the common people heard him gladly.

In other words, what Messiah said made sense to the people that heard Him speak those words, but it angered the Scribes.

Next Messiah warns the common people of the dangers of believing the words, of the man made false doctrines of the Scribes,

Verse 38 *And Messiah (the Living Torah made flesh) said unto them in His doctrine (the Words of the written Torah of YHVH), **Beware of the Scribes,***

WHY?

BECAUSE

They love to go in long clothing

They love salutations in the marketplaces,

They love to have the chief seats in the synagogues,

They love to have the uppermost rooms at feasts:

Here Messiah is saying that what is important to these Scribes and Pharisees is outward appearances only, they are like whitewashed sepulchres mentioned in, *Matthew 23:27 Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for you **ARE** like unto **whited sepulchres**, which indeed **APPEAR** beautiful outward, **BUT** within, **ARE full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.***

Messiah emphasizes, that while these Scribes have the appearance of purity, this is what they are really like, and then He delineates what these Scribes and Pharisees are secretly doing on a daily basis, in *verse 40*

***ALL** the while, they **devour** widows' houses, **AND** for a **pretense** make long prayers:*

What does Messiah say will happen to these Scribes, these hypocrites? He says:

*These **SCRIBES SHALL** receive **greater damnation.***

The **greater damnation** means that, because they chose to believe and teach the Lies of the enemy, they **WILL** suffer the *second death*, there will be no redemption for them, which means that they will be lost forever.

Now please take a moment to truly understand who these Scribes and Pharisees really are! They **ARE** the leaders and teachers of the man made religion of the day, they are the ones that taught the people of Yisrael the Lies of the enemy, the **LIES** that teach that the Words of the Torah of YHVH have somehow been done away with in whole or in part, and that their own man made doctrines, the oral torah of the Jewish man made religion of Judaism, and or the teachings of the Christian church fathers, have now superseded the Words of YHVH's written Torah of Life. In this case we are talking about the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, **BUT** in reality, they represent the leaders, of **ALL** the man made religions of the world; and as you know, they have billions of followers, which means that **BILLIONS** of people are being taught **LIES, FALSE** Doctrines, and therefore many, are being taught that the Doctrine of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life, are no longer relevant for today, and therefore, these Hypocrites teach that the Torah has been done away with in whole or in part, and unfortunately for many people, **IF** they do **NOT** realize that they are being taught **LIES**, and they choose to believe those Lies, then the fate of these Scribes, these white washed sepulchres, these Hypocrites, **WILL** be their fate also,

*Romans 1:18-32 For the wrath of Elohim **IS** revealed from heaven against **ALL ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the **TRUTH**** (the words of YHVH's Torah of Life) in*

unrighteousness; Because that which MAY be known of Elohim IS manifest in them; for Elohim has SHOWED IT UNTO THEM. For the invisible things of Him, from the creation of the world, ARE CLEARLY SEEN, being understood BY the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE: BECAUSE that, when they KNEW Elohim, they did NOT glorify Him as Elohim, neither were they thankful; BUT instead, became VAIN in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be WISE, they became FOOLS, And changed the glory of the incorruptible Elohim into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Therefore Elohim also gave them up to uncleanness through the LUSTS of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the TRUTH of Elohim (the Words of His Torah of Life) into a LIE (man made doctrines), and worshipped and served the creature MORE THAN THE CREATOR, who is blessed for ever. Amein. For this cause Elohim gave them (the scribes, the Pharisees, who represent all man made religions of the world, and all that follow their false man made religious or secular doctrines) up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did NOT like to retain Elohim in their knowledge, Elohim gave them over to a reprobate MIND, (they do NOT have, nor do they want the Mind of Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh) to do those things which are NOT FIT, NOT convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness (Torahlessness, Deuteronomy 6:25), fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of Elohim, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of Elohim, that they who commit such things ARE worthy of death, NOT only do the same, BUT HAVE PLEASURE in them that do them.

This tells us that the greater damnation is reserved for **ALL** people who choose to **REJECT** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, in favour of any man made doctrines. Therefore we have to be very diligent in guarding our hearts and minds against having them polluted, soiled and or corrupted, by **ANY** man made secular or religious doctrines, and the only way to do that, **IS** by willingly choosing to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to YHVH, and make a commitment, to believe, follow and obey the One and **ONLY TRUE** Doctrine, the Words of the Torah of YHVH, also known as the Gospel of Messiah. Amein

Next we see that Messiah is about to teach us yet another lesson, we are told in *verse 41* *And Yeshua sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast their money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. 42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.*

(Mite, Lepton, Strong's number G3016, λεπτόν, lepton, something scaled, light, a small copper coin, mite, proverbially the smallest Jewish coin, it was valued at 1/8 of the Roman As, or, 1/128th of a Denarius),

Which make a farthing.

(Kodrántēs, Strong's number G2835, κοδράντης, Kodrántes, pronounced, kod-ran'-tace, it is of Latin origin; a quadrans, it is the fourth part of an As, a farthing, it is valued at 3/8 of a cent)

After witnessing these rich people and the widow cast their money into the treasury, Messiah, in *verse 43 called His disciples unto Himself, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow, **HAS** cast **MORE IN**, than **ALL** they which have cast into the treasury:*

As I have said many times before, words mean things, for Messiah did **NOT** say that the widow threw in **MORE MONEY** than these rich people, for she clearly did **NOT** do that, what Messiah said **IS**, the widow threw in **MORE** than what **ALL** the rich people cast into the treasury, which means that **SHE**, the widow, cast in **MORE** than all of them combined. Why did Messiah say that, because it is obvious that these rich people did indeed throw in substantially more money than the Widow did?

Messiah tells us in *verse 44* what He means by His words. He says in *verse 44* *For all these other people, have cast in **money FROM** their **abundance**, their **surplus**, their **spare change**; **BUT** she, the widow, cast in **ALL** the money that she had, **ALL** the money that she **NEEDED** to sustain her daily needs, the money that she needs to live.*

Messiah is teaching us that like the widow, we too are **NOT** to be concerned about what is left over for our own use, we have to learn to develop a giving heart that does **NOT** hold back what YHVH has put on our heart to give, just because we think we might need it later, for that is telling YHVH that we do **NOT TRUST** Him as our Provider. I am not saying that everyone has to give everything they have to help the poor, **BUT**, I am saying, give what YHVH has put on your heart to give, and don't hold back, because you think you might need it in the future for yourself. YHVH has said that He **LOVES** a cheerful giver, and that He will recompense everyone to the level that they obey Him. When you are giving to the poor, the widows, or the orphans, give joyfully the amount that YHVH has put on your heart to give, and don't hold anything back, show YHVH that you indeed **TRUST** Him, that you **TRUST** that He **IS** quite capable of providing what you need when you need it, and that you know, in your heart that He will indeed provide for all of your needs.

In Acts 5:1-10 we are told a story about a man and his wife who held back what they promised to give, and what happened to him and his wife. *But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And **kept back** part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a **certain part**, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why has satan filled your heart to **LIE** to the Holy Spirit, and to **KEEP** back part of the price of the land?*

It is obvious that Ananias and his wife sold their property for a certain amount of money, and that they lied to Peter about the amount that it sold for, and instead of turning **ALL** the proceeds of the sale of their property over to Peter, as he and his wife had promised to do, they kept some of the money back, just in case they might need it,

BUT Peter, through the Holy Spirit **KNEW** that Ananias was lying and as we read the rest of the story we will see what happened to Ananias and Sapphira. *Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? You have **NOT LIED** unto men, **BUT** you have Lied unto Elohim. And Ananias hearing these words **fell down and died**, and gave up the ghost: and **great fear** came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of **three** hours after, when his wife, **NOT** knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether you sold the land **for so much**? And she said, Yes, **for so much**. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that you have **agreed together, to tempt the Holy Spirit of***

***YHVH?** Behold, the feet of them who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out also. Then she fell down straightway at his feet, and **yielded up her spirit**: and the young men came in, and found her **dead**, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.*

YHVH is looking for people with **PURE** hearts, people that are willing to **TRUST** Him and give freely of themselves and their possessions to help others, and even though people with pure hearts sometimes make mistakes, YHVH will **ALWAYS** bless those with pure hearts, that are willing to give. Therefore my advice to all of you **IS, LEARN** to have a giving heart, for then you will have the same heart that YHVH/Messiah has, a heart that loves our heavenly Father and all of His creation. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*